



TETRA TECH, INC.

December 5, 2001

Attn: Duty Agent
Phoenix Division
Drug Enforcement Administration
3010 North Second Street, Suite 301
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Subject: Proposed Tucson Electric Power Transmission Line near Nogales, Arizona

Dear Sir or Madam:

Tetra Tech is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement under the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) for a proposed Tucson Electric Power (TEP) transmission line that would cross the U.S.-Mexico border near Nogales, Arizona. As part of our analysis, we are seeking input from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration regarding potential impacts of the proposed transmission line on illegal immigration and drug related activities. We have provided below a basic description of the project, and would be happy to provide additional details as needed for your consideration.

The transmission line would extend south from Sahuarita, Arizona for approximately 60 miles, crossing the U.S.-Mexico border west of Nogales, Arizona and continuing approximately 60 miles into the Sonoran region of Mexico. The border crossing is within Santa Cruz County, a few miles west of Interstate 19. The double-circuit 345-kV line would be strung on a single set of support structures approximately 125 feet high. Upon completion of construction, a right-of-way (ROW) up to 150 feet wide would be maintained below the length of the line to provide maintenance access to TEP.

Specifically, could the proposed ROW from the project impact illegal immigration and drug related activities? We are also contacting the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and other Federal and state agencies for input on this proposed project. If you have any questions, please call me at (315) 682-3268 or (703) 931-9301 or email me at

hmblauer@erols.com. If you prefer to mail information to me, please use the address below.

Sincerely,



Dr. H. Mark Blauer
Deputy Project Manager
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Cc: Ed Beck, Tucson Electric Power Company
Dr. Jerry Pell, U.S. Department of Energy

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Mr. William N. Johnston
Officer-in-Charge
U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service
Tucson Sub Office
6431 South Country Club Road
Tucson, AZ 85706-5907

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Dear Dr. Blauer:

With reference to your December 5, 2001 letter regarding the proposed Tucson Electric Power Transmission Line near Nogales, Arizona, the Drug Enforcement Administration defers all comments to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and the U.S. Customs Service in regards to intrusions between ports of entry by illegal immigrants.

DEA currently doesn't have enough information regarding the extent of this project to give a credible response. If however, Tetra Tech proposes to excavate this proposed land site so it is less obtrusive by removing plants and flattening the land, then this would be a concern of DEA, in that it would help facilitate border crossings by drug traffickers and illegal immigrants..

If further assistance is needed in this matter, please call me at 602-664-5600.

THANKS FOR
CONSULTING W/US
CALL W/QUESTIONS

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Raffanelli".
Thomas W. Raffanelli
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Ed Beck, Tucson Electron Power Company
Mr. Jerry Pell, U.S. Department of Energy

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TETRA TECH, INC.

January 16, 2002

Mr. Rusty Arbeit
Air Space Manager
Air Space Management Office
Davis Monthan Air Force Base
Tucson, AZ 85707

Subject: Proposed Tucson Electric Power Transmission Line south of Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Arbeit:

Tetra Tech is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement under the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) for a proposed Tucson Electric Power (TEP) transmission line that would originate in Sahuarita, Arizona and extend south to cross the U.S.-Mexico border near Nogales, Arizona. As part of our analysis, we are seeking input from Davis Monthan Air Force Base regarding potential impacts of the proposed transmission line on military flight operations. We have provided below a basic description of the project and will provide additional details if needed.

The transmission line would extend south from Sahuarita, Arizona for approximately 60 miles, crossing the U.S.-Mexico border west of Nogales, Arizona and continuing approximately 60 miles into the Sonoran region of Mexico. The enclosed map shows the three routes currently under consideration for the proposed transmission line. The double-circuit 345-kV line would be strung on a single set of support structures approximately 125 feet high, with a maximum height of 150 feet as necessary for ground clearance requirements. Upon completion of construction, a right-of-way (ROW) up to 150 feet wide would be maintained below the length of the line to provide maintenance access to TEP.

Would there be any impacts on military flight operations from the proposed project? Would visual markers or lights be required on the support structures or transmission lines? We are also contacting the Federal Aviation Administration and other Federal and state agencies for input on this proposed project. If you have any questions, please call

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TETRA TECH, INC.

January 16, 2002

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Federal Aviation Administration
7081 South Plumer Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85706

Subject: Proposed Tucson Electric Power Transmission Line south of Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Pearman:

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